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Health Groups Caution Youths On Smoking

By Sylvia Sorensen

Across the nation teenagers are being urged to avoid smoking, according to an article published recently in the New York Times. The American Cancer Society believes that smoking may lead to lung cancer and, eventually, death.

A nation-wide campaign to prevent this disease has commenced in the United States. By working through many schools and youth groups, the Cancer Society hopes to persuade a large portion of young people of the danger inherent in smoking. Among the items being distributed to these schools and groups are film strips and charts on the subject.

Emphasis on Younger Students

The program is also designed to offset efforts of cigarette makers to sell their products to young persons.

Special emphasis is being placed by the Cancer Society on persuading children of upper elementary school and junior high school ages who smoke to stop. Thus the society hopes to reach them before they develop into habitual tobacco users.

The view that smoking may cause lung cancer is based largely on statistical studies that have been challenged by tobacco manufacturers and investigators.

Health Groups Condemn Smoking

However, the society's program is being supported by several health associations. Among them are the American Public Health Association and the National Tuberculosis Association. It is also supported by parent-teacher associations.

The National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago conducted a survey and learned that most physicians regarded smoking as a cancer producer. The poll also revealed that all adults should have an annual physical examination, even if they feel perfectly well.

An authority on the subject stated, "One hundred persons die *each day* of lung cancer in the United States. This total is expected to double in ten years."

Quick Calendar

March 23	*Pilot* published
March 28	Open School Afternoon
March 30	End of 3rd Quarter
March 31-April 9 incl.	Easter Holidays
April 28, 29	Musicale
May 11	*Pilot* published
May 19, 20	School play (*Charley's Aunt*)
May 25	Program Change Deadline
May 30	Memorial Day (no school)
June 8	Anniversary Day (no school)
June 9	*Pilot* published
June 19, 20, 21, 22	Regents
June 29	Commencement (B'klyn College)

Pilot to Present Teacher Articles

On page two of the *Pilot* is an article by Mr. Benjamin Greenberg, a member of the Mathematics Department. It is the first of four teacher guest articles to appear throughout the term.

The editors feel that these articles will be of great interest to the students, will provoke intelligent discussion, and will contribute to better teacher-pupil understanding.

Other contributors will be Mr. Louis Golomb, Foreign Language Department; Miss Margaret Haigney, English Department; and Mr. Henry Kamin, Biology Department.

The *Pilot* will welcome short letters on student reactions and will try to publish several of the best. Letters must not exceed 125 words and must be submitted no later than one week after publication.

Bay Ridge Council Honors Miss Dick

Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department, was given a pearl necklace at the annual luncheon of the Bay Ridge Community Council, Saturday, January 21.

She received this necklace for ten years of service as chairman of the annual Halloween Painting Contest, sponsored by the Bay Ridge Community Council, the Brevoort Savings Bank, and the 86th Street Board of Trade.

The necklace was presented by Mr. H. A. Roth, secretary of the 86th Street Board of Trade, at the Howe Restaurant, 89th Street and 3rd Avenue. Some of Miss Dick's friends of long standing attended.

Among those present were Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal; Mr. Maurice Wade, president of the Council; and Mr. Vincent P. Kassenbrock, secretary of the Council and a member of the Boys Health Education Department.

'Biologists' Probe Nature's Secrets

How is a skeleton made? Why does a Venus-flytrap eat insects? What is necessary to keep animals alive in a laboratory?

Twenty-one students in the newly formed Biology Club are learning the answers by first-hand experience through individual and group projects.

President Patrick Orlando, 2C21; Vice-President Veronica Cattani, 2C19; and Secretary Barbara Berg, 1C17, find this activity a test of their interest in biology, as do the other members.

Says Mrs. Sara Sulzer, adviser, "The purpose of this club is to give students interested in biology an opportunity to handle materials and work with them. For example, the choice of microscope, specimen, soil or model work is up to them.

"Biology is no requisite for joining this club; we have eight freshmen in our group. All that is required is an inquisitive mind and an interest in science."

The club meets Tuesdays at 3 in room 304.

Senior Pleads for Mercy

Bill Butos

Student Arthur Dolan pleads for consideration with his English teacher, Mr. Davino (Anthony Lombardi), in a skit in the Senior Show.

Students See Red On Senior Day

Senior Day 1961 came and went, but it was a day that will be long remembered by the 700 Hamiltonites who participated in the gala event.

The day opened with the Senior Show based on the theme of the *The Student Prince*. There were songs galore, highlighted by the music of three steel guitars.

Miss Rita Duhig, a member of the Social Studies Department, supervised the activities.

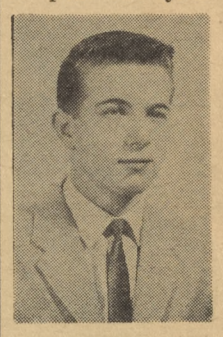
Students saw plenty of red as crowds of scarlet-clad boys and girls strutted through the halls. Costumes varied from a conservative red dress to a crimson foreign legion outfit.

A few daring ones dipped into their bottles of shoe polish and came to school with heads of flaming red hair.

Pilot Shutterbug Plans for Career In Medical Field

By Lucille Clementi

The New York skyline or the coast of Maine may not inspire you to pull out your camera and begin snapping, but they certainly tempt senior Bill Butos, since photography is his hobby.



Bill is the *Pilot* shutterbug and his name has become a familiar one to readers of this paper.

Assistant to His Father

However, Bill does not interest himself in photography only. He is co-captain of the Chess Team, an avid reader, a show-tune enthusiast and a part-time assistant to his father, a semi-professional photographer.

On weekends Bill and his father have a gay social life attending weddings and parties—"for business reasons, of course."

"I enjoy the fun and satisfaction which photography brings me. Nothing is more beautiful than seeing vivid scenes, taken long ago, come

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17 Win State Scholarships

By Seth Charney

The weaker sex has exploded the myth of man's supremacy.

This year's State Regents Scholarships, based on examinations held last October 10 and 11, were awarded to eleven girls and six boys. The girls amassed among themselves thirteen scholarships.

Hartig, Thomas Lead

Jean Hartig and Mildred Thomas led the girls with two scholarships each—Jean with a Regents College Scholarship and a Regents Scholarship for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, and Mildred with a Regents College Scholarship and a Regents Scholarship for Professional Education in Nursing.

Other girls receiving Regents College Scholarships were: Susan Blader, Marcia Bloom, Margaret Ekstrom, Barbara Hartill, Sarah Jordan, Emily Paradise, Joyce Rich and Anne Sundet. Angela Frazer won a Regents Scholarship for Professional Education in Nursing.

Huntington Leads Boys

William Huntington led the boys with two scholarships: a Regents College Scholarship and a Regents Scholarship for Engineering, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics.

Other recipients of Regents College Scholarships were: Seth Charney, Glenn Collins, Steve Kaufman, Christopher Mante, and Joel Meyers.

College Reps To Give Talks

During the term, representatives from colleges and other schools will visit Hamilton to help students plan their post-high school careers.

"Students should sign for as many college conferences as possible during their official periods to get important information," says Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator.

"Juniors in particular must be sure to seek all possible information on colleges, and follow up by visiting schools which interest them."

All college and private school applications must be filed during the senior year by October 31.

3 Win Prizes For Posters On Brotherhood

By Susan Hirsch

Marion Yost, 2A3, received a $25 Savings Bond for being "Best in the Show" in a poster contest to commemorate Brotherhood Week.

The contest, sponsored by the Brevoort Savings Bank and the Bay Ridge Community Council, was held the week of February 19. Its purpose was to emphasize the ideals of Brotherhood.

Second place, a $10 prize, went to Igor Stepanovic, 3A5; fourth place, a $5 prize, went to Beverly Davis, 4B8.

4 Receive Honorable Mentions

Honorable mentions went to Debbie Leichtman, 1B12; Robert Battani, 4B12; Beryl Tadross, 4A11; and Virginie Milkie, 3A17.

The specifications for the posters were arranged by Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Fort Hamilton Art Department. Among the judges, consisting of teachers and members of Bay Ridge religious organizations, was Mr. Augustus Ludwig, former principal of Fort Hamilton.

"An Exemplary Weapon"

Said Mr. R. A. Brennan, chairman of the board of the Brevoort Bank, "We feel that this period of rededication to the ideals and democratic values upon which our nation is founded is most important for all of us."

Later he added, "Our poster contest is an exemplary weapon, through the medium of art, in the educational campaign against the blight of prejudice. Perhaps partly through our efforts our children will not have to live in a world of ferment."

4 Staffers Make Editorial Board

One editor and three assistants have been added to the *Pilot* editorial board.

William Butos, 4B6, is full photography editor. The others are Lloyd Sara, 3A13, assistant sports editor; Charles Saydah, 2C22, assistant circulation manager; and Susan Hirsch, 3A13, assistant news editor.

They will aid the regular editors who are: Jane Appel, makeup; Vicki Halper, news; Richard Meltzer, sports; Stephen Kaufman, circulation; and Glenn Collins, advertising.

The *Pilot* will appear three more times this term: March 23, May 11, June 9.

Open School Day Set for March 28

Open School Afternoon will be Tuesday, March 28, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Students, if appropriately attired, may accompany their parents.

Teachers expect to be visited by many hundreds of parents who will be eager to discuss with them the progress of their children.

There will be no Open School Night this term.

The Editors Say...

Students and Teachers

A Guest Article by Benjamin Greenberg
(*Mathematics Department*)

President Kennedy, in his Inaugural Address, stated that the average citizen should not ask what the government can do for him, but rather what he can do for his government.

The thought embodied above reminds me of the days when I was a student at New Utrecht High School. We often spoke about our teachers. We referred to Mr. X as "good" and Mr. Y as "poor." Why did we characterize them thus?

Mr. X knew his subject thoroughly. Not only could he answer questions on class topics, but he could discuss ideas over and beyond what was routine. He would gladly refer you to books or magazines containing additional information if you desired it.

Explanations Clear

Furthermore, we felt that Mr. X could explain the work in terms we pupils could understand. A number of us learned later that many a college teacher knew his subject thoroughly but had difficulty getting it across to the pupil.

Practically everyone liked Mr. X because he always answered a pupil's question in a friendly manner, without embarrassing him in any way. I especially remember that I never felt uncomfortable in his class, for no feeling of fear or tension existed.

Many of us also felt that he gave fair tests. The questions were not too difficult and we had plenty of time to answer them.

As the years went by, I never forgot Mr. X and resolved to be as much like him as possible if I became a teacher.

Education Not Easy

One thing I learned quickly is that a good education does not come easily. It involves, to use Winston Churchill's words, "blood, toil, tears, and sweat." If a good education comes too easily, I suggest that you find out what is wrong.

The passing years brought me to the other side of the desk. Naturally, I never forgot Mr. X; but now I also had to consider the student. The question now is: What do I consider a good student?

To begin with, I prefer a courteous, well-mannered individual who *expects to work hard* in order to attain his goal. This type of individual should not lean too much on me. He should try to answer questions by himself whenever he can, instead of constantly depending on his teachers or friends. The leaner usually does poorly at college or in the outside world. He never seems to get anywhere.

Habits and Character

We grownups have found that invariably when good work habits and character were formed at

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Miss Randles Retires; At Hamilton Since 1941

By Audrey Haddad

Miss Maud Randles, a member of the English Department, has retired after a long career as a teacher.

She came to Fort Hamilton in September 1941, the year the school opened. Though she taught English, she occasionally had a geometry class. For some time Miss Randles worked four periods a day in the program office, helping straighten out students' programs.

Asked whether she had enjoyed teaching, she said, "Very much, especially the satisfaction that came when you succeeded in your goal of teaching a child to work to capacity." Later she said that teaching "is never dull, and you meet interesting people."

Miss Randles, who still had the school pass for September 1941, said that Hamilton was the fifth school she taught in.

Teaching Difficult

Would she encourage students to enter teaching? "It is a difficult profession and there is an enormous amount of paper work — sometimes too much, especially in an English class." She added, "However, if a person is interested in teaching and has the ability, he should really consider it."

Requirements Are Exacting

The requirements are much the same today as formerly: good school marks, extracurricular activities, service to the school, and — now — college boards; "but most of all," she said, "they must want to work and must like children."

Miss Randles plans to devote her leisure time to traveling, resting, reading, and seeing old friends.

They Said It...

Speaking on Brotherhood

Whoever degrades another degrades me, and whatever is done or said returns at last to me.

—*Walt Whitman*

Democracy . . . is a condition where people believe that other people are as good as they are.

—*Stuart Chase*

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

—*Abraham Lincoln*

Round About

By Jane Appel

Question: Do you think that automation can replace the teacher?

Mr. Jerome Carlin (Chairman of English Dept.):

No. Certain things, such as facts and mechanical processes, can be taught by machine. But these are not the most important parts of education.

Nothing can replace the give and take of the classroom where the teacher stimulates the students and the students respond to the teacher.

Mrs. Mary Catania (Languages):

The use of audio-visual aids *in conjunction with instruction by the teacher* is helpful to students.

However, these materials must be used only in conjunction with classroom instruction and must never replace the teacher himself.

Mrs. Geanne Gold (Mathematics):

Definitely not. There is no such thing as a substitute for a good teacher. Machines may act as a supplement but never as a direct replacement.

Mr. Isaac Feinberg (Mathematics):

No. I feel that there is more to education than booklearning. There are certain things that machines cannot do. You can ask a machine a question but you won't get an answer.

I once learned Chinese through automation, so I know that it does work. But it will work only for those who truly want to learn and who can learn by themselves. However, there are also those who must be taught.

Mr. Max Eisner (Physics):

When a machine can answer a puzzled student's question, then the machine can replace the teacher.

Mr. Henry Kamin (Biology):

Yes, I do. It is my belief that there is no such thing as "teaching." There is only learning. I think that a good teacher is one who makes himself dispensable as quickly as possible.

Of course a machine can't be a nurse or policeman, but should a teacher be one?

Overbored

By Glenn Collins

Very much sooner than we imagine, an innovation will startle the educational world—teachers will be replaced by educational television.

Because of the serious teacher shortage, and the demand for teachers in industry and research, it won't be long before mass audiences of students will be taught via TV. Therefore, to keep students ever informed, the *Pilot* proudly presents for the first time anywhere, a sample of a future

Educational TV Guide

9:00 BEAT THE CLOCK. Fun quiz game in which students compete to beat the morning late bell. (Alternate, Tuesdays and Thursdays — THE LATE SHOW. Variety show from the Late Room.)

9:44 NEWS. On the spot interviews, reports, and the latest school news brought to you by *Pilot* ace reporters.

10:23 TYPING CAN BE FUN. *Term One.* In today's lesson students will learn the letter *n*. There will also be a short review of the letter *o*, to refresh students on yesterday's lesson. Preparation for this lesson: The Use of the Space Bar (Advanced), Disadvantages of the Two-finger Method, and Double Spacing.

11:02 TODAY'S WEATHER. Up-to-the-minute weather situation. Learn how cold it will be tomorrow in the gym lockers, and know how hot it will be in the Dean's Office, boiler room, etc. Temperature readings are taken from many other key spots around the school.

11:41 ROMPER ROOM. Children's show from the cafeteria. Live, spontaneous, and definitely unrehearsed.

12:20 REX LANCET, M.D. *The Herman Clodlump Story.* Another true story from the files of the Emergency Room. Today Dr. Lancet tries to save a student with a painful case of writer's cramp.

12:59 SPORTS SPECTACULAR. *The Twenty-Third Annual Cafeteria Track Meet.* Top trackmen race from third floor English to the cafeteria lunch line over the grueling, dangerous course down the stairs and across the chair-strewn cafeteria. Brought to you in Color and Black-and-Blue.

1:38 DOCTOR BROTHERS TELL WHY. Student advice from the guidance office. Today the Doctor Brothers will explain the psychological reason why students lose so many school books.

2:26 F.H.H.S. SPECIAL REPORT: LABOR UNION CONVENTION. Annual Convention of the A.F.B.B. M.D.M.S.M. (American Federation of Blackboard Monitors, Door Monitors and Shade Monitors.)

Cold? It Was Worse

It was cold during the winter, but you might keep this in mind: It hit a record low of 14.3° below zero on February 9, 1934, right here in little old New York. B-r-r-r.

It's a Fact

By Seth Charney

Fort Hamilton High School's auditorium can seat 1000 students.

On May 13, 1683, the citizens of New Utrecht were granted a charter by their English rulers. This original document is on file in the County Clerk's Office, Kings County.

Bay Ridge played its part in the Battle of Long Island. As the British fleet entered the Narrows, a battery of two or three 12-pounders at Hamel's Headland, now Fort Hamilton, fired at the frigate "Asia," which was in the lead. Their aim was very poor.

The first copy of the *Pilot* was printed Nov. 12, 1941. Mr. Solovay was then faculty adviser, as he is now.

The first church in this area was the Dutch reformed Church of New Utrecht, established 1677.

Owl's Head Park was originally the estate of State Senator Henry C. Murphy, who drafted the legislation authorizing the building of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The Minutemen Club of Fort Hamilton has held spring trips to West Point, Hyde Park, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and Mystic, Connecticut.

"ANOTHER TIME, SON. THIS IS BROTHERHOOD WEEK."

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SPORTS DECK

By Richard Meltzer

Although the conclusion of the 1961 basketball season did not find the Blue and White with a playoff berth at Madison Square Garden, the year was not without its thrills.

Dave Reinertsen's clutch foul shooting in the crucial Sheepshead Bay game will long be remembered. Time had run out and Dave was on the line for two shots, with Hamilton trailing by one point. As a hush fell over the overflow crowd, Dave proceeded to sink both and win the game. He had a total of 31 points in that contest.

Another memorable event was the second game we played against John Jay. Highly favored Jay opened up a quick 20 point lead in the first period. Undaunted by this, the Blue and White Quintet fought a game battle, and as the tide suddenly turned, Coach Kern found his team a victor by 30 points.

Some may remember other exciting events during the past basketball campaign, but these are the two that your reporter found most outstanding.

Baseball Coming

At our age it is always well to look to the future optimistically. The thought brings me to the subject of baseball.

This season will find Mr. Francis Ptak as the mentor of a well seasoned squad. Enthusiasm is running high even at this early date, and word is out around the league to "watch out for Fort Hamilton."

Having lost only a handful of players last year, the 1961 team is almost the same, man for man, as the 1960 squad. The team does not expect to rest on its laurels and bask in the glory of a highly successful past season. However, the boys do point with pride to their initial 10 and 1 record. After that fast start, a few injuries hampered the team, but they did end the year with a highly respectable record.

Student Support Wanted

"This year," suggested Coach Ptak, "we would like to institute something new with the baseball team . . . student support." Mr. Ptak went on to point out that this year we have a potential championship team, and all that is missing is a little morale. Less apathy on the part of our students could remedy the problem.

The official PSAL baseball schedule has not yet been released, but our league competition includes New Utrecht, Lincoln, John Jay, Grady, and Lafayette.

In addition to these games, Hamilton will play several exhibition games prior to and during the official season. Our opponents will include New Dorp, Xaverian, St. Peters, Poly Prep, and Brooklyn Tech.

High school baseball has been growing in popularity in recent years. The school stars of today may be the major leaguers of tomorrow. As a matter of fact, three members of last year's varsity team are scheduled for tryouts with the new American League entry, Houston: infielders Dom Albano and Vincent Schettini and pitcher Bob Lento.

Everything points to 1961 as *the* year for Fort Hamilton!

Alumnus Exhibits At Art Gallery

An exhibit of the paintings of Robert T. Shirley, a Hamilton alumnus, was held January at the Caravan Gallery, 132 East 65 Street, New York.

Robert, class of January 1950, took three years of major art here.

During his senior year he received a certificate of merit for a water color, "Haunted House," at the Scholastic Art Exhibit held at Abraham and Straus.

Quintet Mentor Here Since '56; To Coach Golfers

By Bob Gillespie

Meet Mr. Kenneth Kern, a proud coach and one of the busiest men in the school.

A native New Yorker, he attended Tilden High School during World War II, but was unable to play much basketball at that time because school athletic teams had been temporarily discontinued.

Under an athletic scholarship, he attended George Washington University and played a great deal of basketball. He graduated with a B.S. and served a stint in the Army, where he again played basketball.

Came Here in '56

Because of his fondness for sports, Mr. Kern became a health education teacher. In 1956 he came to this school and began his coaching career by taking charge of the quintet.

For the first few years the team played fairly well. Last year he really put together the strongest Blue and Whtie squad in the history of

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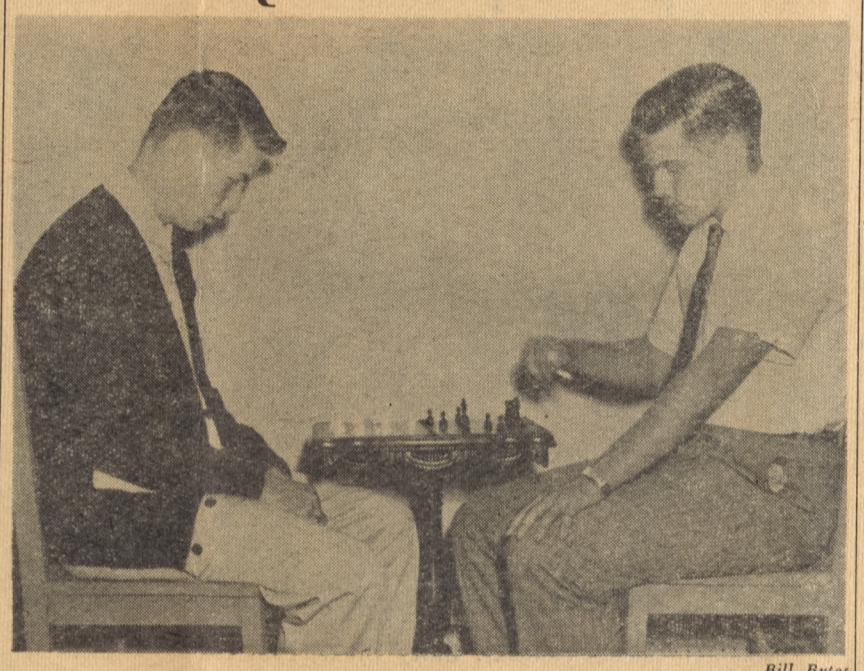
A Quiet Game of Chess



Bill Butos

Bill Butos and Martin Harswick, co-captains of the Chess Team, study the board in a practice game.

Cagers Wind Up Year With 7 Wins, 5 Losses

By Steve Kaufman

The basketball team has completed a hectic 1961 season with seven wins and five losses. Filled with thrilling upset victories and disheartening defeats, those three months brought the Blue and White to a third-place finish in a well balanced PSAL division.

Beginning in mid-season, when New Utrecht had apparently clinched the number one spot in the Brooklyn I division, the cagers began their struggle with John Jay for a second-place playoff berth.

Jay in Lead

Jay led by two games as the two teams faced each other February 2 in a game which saw Dave Reinertsen, with 31 points, spark an 83-53 rout of the opposition by the Blue and White. Yet Hamilton failed to pass Jay despite a decisive victory by the Blue and White over Lafayette in the season's finale February 10.

The season was well spiced with many memorable events. The Blue and White lost to Eastern District in an exciting double, sudden-death overtime contest. This was surpassed in suspense only by the Sheepshead Bay game, which saw a come-from-behind Hamilton victory in the closing two seconds of play.

Said Coach Kenneth Kern, "I never saw anything like that before. It was a fantastic finish to a seemingly lost ball game."

Stars Were Born

It was a season in which stars were born. Dave Reinertsen proved himself to be an indispensable weapon in the Hamilton attack, utilizing his uncanny jump-shot for an average of 17 points per game. George Moran, Dennis Murphy, and Norm Remmen contributed heavily to the Blue and White effort. Moran had an excellent year, averaging 14 points and supplying most of the Hamilton rebound strength.

Coach Kern was very pleased with the results of the current season.

Basketball Totals

Player	Games	Field Goals	Fouls	Total Points	Average Points	High Points
Reinertsen, Dave	17	105	51	261	16	31
Murphy, Denis	17	57	29	141	8	19
Moran, George	17	72	90	234	14	26
Martini, Joe	17	48	22	118	7	17
Remmen, Norm	17	28	22	78	5	11

'Charley's Aunt' Set for May 19, 20

The Curtaintimers will present *Charley's Aunt*, by Brendon Thomas, as their annual spring varsity show.

Casting began last month for the play which will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, May 19 and 20.

Miss Peggy Moran, a speech teacher in the English Department, is faculty advisor and director. She has been founder and head of the National Broadcasting Company's "Theatre Workshop" for the past three years and has acted on the NBC Network, Radio and TV.

Miss Moran has appeared in off-Broadway productions and in Equity stock productions since she was 16.

She also sang in *The Messiah* in the Metropolitan Opera House last December, and will sing in the Bach *B-Minor Mass* at Carnegie Hall next month.

The Shop Department and Art Department will assist with the construction and painting of scenery.

Tower Staff Busy On '61 Yearbook

The *Tower*, senior yearbook, is progressing rapidly under the direction of Mr. George Albert, literary adviser.

The *Tower* presents important highlights of a Hamiltonite's life in school. This year's book will contain, as usual, student art and regular features. Some of the work will be in color.

Edith Tadross is editor-in-chief, Frank Masci is literary editor, and Francine Feurance is art editor.

Soft-cover copies of this year's edition will be sold to underclassmen through their prefects at $1.00. Seniors, of course, will receive hard-cover copies.

Juniors Choose Their Prom Queen

Cold weather and snowy ground didn't keep the juniors away from their prom in the boys gym January 28.

Appropriately enough, the theme was Winter Wonderland.

Janet

Highlight of the evening was the selection of Janet Kleysteuber, 3B14, as princess.

Miss Joan McCabe, who has supervised the junior prom ever since its inception five years ago, was again in charge. Assisting her were Miss Rita McCann, in charge of decorations; Miss Janice Alberti; Mr. Frank Ptak; Mr. Ralph Davino; Mr. Harry Flaster and Mr. Gerald Heffron.

Mr. Heffron led the band which provided the juniors with hours of dance music. Richard Davis and Kris Winika were the winners in the traditional dance contest.

Coaches Look To Favorable Sports Season

By Lloyd Sara

Coach Francis Ptak is optimistic about a good baseball season because of the many returning veterans.

Returning infielders are Karl Benhken; Bob Esposito; Gordon Harvey, a long ball hitter; and Richard Meltzer, who has been on the team since his freshman year.

Returning outfielders are Ray Ranta and Nick Mitsos, the latter a long ball hitter. The two remaining pitchers, aces on last year's team, are Frank DeLuca and Denis Murphy. This season will be Murphy's fourth on the team.

Practice is already underway for the season which begins at the end of this month.

Track

The track team, coached by Mr. Joseph Kottmann, will open its season with many top performers in putting, high jumping, and running events.

Captain Kenny Borg, who holds the school record, will star in the high jumping and hop-step-and-jump events; while John Moore, a promising athlete, will attempt to reach 13 feet in the pole-vaulting event. Other pole-vaulters are Paul Thompson, Igor Steponovic and Jeff Springer.

Dave Ireland, Louis DeMouro and Bob Elletson will represent Hamilton in shot-putting. Coach Kottmann has developed a great mile relay team in Kenny Borg, Richard Gordon, Ross Freitas, Joe Juliano, Steve Shama and Joel Spitzkoff.

Other promising outdoor runners are Mike Franz, George Haas, Pat Kelleher, George Murray and Gunter Glinka.

Golf

The golf team, coached by Mr.

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Track Team Has Running Start

The track team, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Kottmann, opened its indoor track season December 10.

In this meet Captain Ken Borg won a medal by tying for second place in the high jump. Steve Shama, G.O. president, received a medal for taking fifth place in the six-hundred-yard open.

At the Cardinal Hayes meet, January 21, Steve Shama won a medal by placing in his event.

In the St. Francis meet a week later, Kenny Borg high-jumped six feet, but this was somewhat short of the winning jump of six feet four inches.

Coach Kottmann thinks that this year's squad is well balanced, and points especially to the strong mile-relay team of Steve Shama, Ross Freitas, Richard Gordon and Joe Juliano.

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Student Aides Lend Skills To Department

By Donald Pfister

To help keep the wheels of the English Department running smoothly and efficiently, a student staff of secretaries, mimeographers, and bookroom supervisors give their eager and loyal assistance to Mr. Jerome Carlin, chairman of the department.

Five girls type reports, cut stencils, and serve as executive secretaries. "They not only aid the department," said Mr. Carlin, "but gain experience which will qualify them for positions in the commercial world after graduation."

2 Run Mimeograph

The secretarial assistants are Eleanor Birzin, Kathleen McCauley, Paula King, Linda Kransdorf and Loretta Lichioveri.

Two mimeograph operators, Paul Heully and Daniel Chernofsky, are responsible for running off such materials as correction symbols, word lists and school songs. The chairman remarked, "Every student has these materials in his notebook—we hope."

Over 16,000 Volumes

The bookroom supervisors are in charge of over 16,000 volumes valued at more than $25,000. In addition to taking inventory and keeping track of the books, the boys also have to be "diplomats and disciplinarians" in directing dozens of other students returning or getting books.

Members of the group are William Calhoun, Harry Drake, Michael Eastwood, Thomas Sawitsky, William Schneider and Edward Shepherd.

"Without the splendid cooperation of these boys and girls," said Mr. Carlin, "the school would be greatly handicapped. No doubt about it."

Spring Sports

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Kenneth Kern, has some fine players who hope to achieve a great record for Fort Hamilton.

Captain Joe Schiano and Al "Porky" Balukas are the team's leading players. Jay Hartig, John Marangos, Lief Olsen and Bruce Gataroska will compete for third, fourth, and fifth places respectively. The remaining players will act as alternates.

The golfers have been practicing indoors in room 258, but will soon move to open fairways at the Dyker Heights course.

Handball

The handball team has not yet been organized. If anyone is interested, he should see Mr. R. A. Cohen, who will coach the team. His prefect is 2A13, room 135.

To Sell Anchor In English Classes

Where can a collection of the school's finest artwork, short stories, and poetry be found?

In the 1961 *Anchor*, of course. Soon students will be able to purchase copies of the school's literary-art magazine for 50¢ in all English classes.

"We hope this year's *Anchor* is equal to last year's," said Miss Helen P. Gerlach, faculty adviser. "The 1959 issue won a first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association."

Among the short stories will be "It's All Over," by Emily Paradise, dealing with the Big Man on Campus; and "The Chinese Flute," a suspense story by Margaret Ekstrom.

English Department Assistants

Bill Butos

Standing: Thomas Sawitsky, Harry Drake, Paul Heully, William Schneider, Edward Shepherd, Daniel Chernofsky.

Seated: Kathleen McCauley, Loretta Lichioveri, Paula King, Linda Kransdorf.

Bill Butos

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alive again on my movie screen."

This former graduate of P.S. 185 and McKinley High School explains that his interest in photography began a long while ago when his family gave him a camera, somewhat different from the 35mm camera he now uses.

Despite his hobby, Bill plans to pursue a career as a physician, "preferably as a general practitioner." He will use the money earned at photography toward his college education.

Likes Ancient History

"My favorite subject is ancient history. I also enjoy reading about the people and culture of Greece and Egypt."

It seems that Bill has chosen the right hobby *and* the right career, for the New York skyline or the southern coast of Maine will never look better than it will after he has spent a day examining inflamed tonsils or swollen glands.

Mr. Kern

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the school.

Said Coach Kern, "Last year was my most thrilling year as a coach. It was truly a year of firsts. Bob Barnek was our first boy to become an All-City player. It was the first time we had ever participated in a playoff game for second place. We appeared on TV for the first time and made our first appearance at Madison Square Garden.

"All in all, it was a wonderful season for me as well as for the boys. The team wound up with a 15-5 record."

To Be Golf Coach

Mr. Kern is keenly interested in golf and will coach the linksmen this spring.

On week ends, the coach likes to relax and enjoy himself with his wife Carol and his two children, daughter Stacy (3) and son Kevin (7 months).

Mr. Kern will soon start training his son to be All-City champ in 1977.

Mr. Greenberg

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school, they became a permanent part of one. This brings me to the point that the *better* pupil will start working as soon as he enters the room — on his own.

Surprisingly, I have found that the better students want to do *more* work. A word is appropriate now about the matter of assignments. If we regard education as a serious business, we must regard homework as a *vital supplement* to class work. A proper attitude toward homework helps establish good work habits, which are especially important to those who will be earning a livelihood in the near future.

Whose Fault Really?

In closing, let me tell you about the days when I ran cross-country at New Utrecht. Our school often lost and I was frequently the cause. I never admitted it, but blamed the Van Cortlandt Park hill, the weather, my team mates — in fact, everyone and everything except myself. This was a foolish attitude and similar to that of the pupil when he places the blame for his faults on the teacher. The psychologist calls this projection.

The student who recognizes his responsibility — and does something about it—has made a giant stride toward real maturity.

Students Visit Museum Labs

Thirty-five students under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Morholt, chairman of the Biology Department, and Mr. Henry Kamin, biology teacher, visited the American Museum of Natural History February 9.

The group included present biology students and also members of the Psychology Club.

A guided tour of the museum had been arranged. The subject under study was animal behavior and genetics.

Students will probably remember longest the museum's hothouse where the temperature was well over 100 degrees, in contrast to the below freezing temperatures outdoors at that time.

17 Receive Arts Awards

Seventeen Hamiltonites were the recipients of Industrial Arts Achievement Awards presented in January in recognition of their outstanding ability in this field.

The prize, a sterling-silver pin and engraved certificate, is awarded every semester to the student in each Industrial Arts class whose work best exemplifies "Knowledge . . . Citizenship . . . Craftsmanship."

This program is sponsored by the Industrial Arts Chairmen's Association of New York City in cooperation with *Mechanix Illustrated*, a national monthly science magazine.

Winners this term are Nicholas Limer, 2B4; Roy Aasheim, 2B8; Joseph Miele, 2A13; Arnold Meland, 2A17; Robert Ida, 3A1; William Cone, 3B6; John Cashman, 3B12; Daniel Wagner, 3B18; Peter Gundersen, 4A3; Arnold Hansen, 4B4; Greg Wilinski, 4B4; Kenneth Borg, 4A5; Allan Clifford, 4B8; John Freely, 4A13; Mike Hansen, 4B18; Richard Herbert, 4B18; and Fred Lesta, 4B18.

"Awards of this type are badly needed," says Mr. John Matheson, chairman of the Shop Department. "They provide an incentive for increased effort in our shop and mechanical drawing classes. Taking greater pride in their work, students demonstate remarkable skill and craftsmanship."

Forty-seven academic high schools in New York participate in the project, which was initiated last June. This semester over 1,000 awards were presented.

Alumnus Records Popular Songs

Howard Beder, who graduated from Hamilton several years ago, has recorded two songs, "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Roseanne."

While a student here, Howard employed his vocal talent in the chorus. He also participated in many extra-curricular activities.

Among these were: president of the senior class, treasurer of the G.O., fourth year representative to the G.O. Council, and membership in the Grade Council. He was also a member of the Dramatics Society.

Two Pilot Editors Attend Conference On Puerto Rico

By Susan Hirsch and Vicki Halper

"Puerto Rico is going places!"

Twelve New York City high school students found this out first-hand by visiting Puerto Rico during the Christmas Holidays. Their trip was sponsored by the Puerto Rican government as part of an intensive program aimed at bringing the new achievements of their country to light.

The twelve students held a press conference in January for one hundred representatives of New York City high school newspapers. The conference was held at the Labor Migration Division of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The officials hoped that the editors would relay to the students their newly acquired knowledge.

"Operation Bootstrap"

The program centered about Puerto Rico's "Operation Bootstrap," a plan of economic development to further industrial progress. After a background film, each of the twelve students discussed a phase of Puerto Rican development.

"Population is one of Puerto Rico's greatest problems," said George M. Amoscato of John Jay High School. "If you can imagine all the people of the world concentrated in a United States without resources, you will have some idea of the situation."

Impressed by Country

The students seemed most impressed with the beauty of the Puerto Rican countryside and the warmth of the Puerto Rican spirit.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Da Silva, chief of the Social Service Section, expressed the happiness with which Puerto Rico welcomes guests. "When Puerto Ricans migrate to the United States," she said, "they do not anticipate being unwelcomed, for hate to them is an alien feeling."

Dr. Monserrat, Chief of the Department of Labor Migration, in a moving closing speech, related Puerto Rico's problem to that of underdeveloped countries around the globe.

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